October 4, 2021

Rector Sergey A. Sayganov, MD, PhD North-Western State Medical University named after I.I. Mechnikov Kiroshnaya ul 41, Saint-Petersburg 191015, Russian Federation

Dear President Professor Sayganov,

It is a great honor and pleasure for me to express our great appreciation and also congratulatory remark on this special occasion of the 10th anniversary of the North-Western University named after J.J. Mechnikov at St. Petersburg in Russia on behalf of a honorable visiting professor to North-Western State Medical University named after I.I. Mechnikov.

We are all now facing with many difficulties a new normal life currently happened with and after the COVID-19 pandemic in the world. The future of our cooperation would be highly expected and planned smoothly through students' exchanging programs.

I really wish to have unchanging friendship and reliability, and hope your successful leadership on your University and a fruitful academism in the entire Russian federation.

Sincerely yours,

Shanichi Yamashita MD, PhD

Vice President, Fukushima Medical University

Director General, National Institute of Radiological Science, National Institutes for Quantum

Science and Technology, Chiba

Professor Emeritus, Nagasaki University